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CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-8, 11-17, 20, 21, 29 and 33 without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 9, 18, 22, 24, 30 and 31 as follows:

1-8. CANCELLED

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The infant positioning system according to claim 1, wherein the headgear further comprises~~ An infant positioning system for controllably positioning and supporting an infant, comprising:

an infant support device configured for receiving the infant, the infant support selectively changing the position of the infant; and

a headgear configured to fit about the head of the infant, the headgear adapted to disperse a pressure a surface places on the head of the infant, the headgear comprising:

at least one support pad, the at least one support pad being removably attachable to the headgear, the support pad being positionable between the infant's head and the surface;  
and

at least one rear support pad, the rear support pad being removably attachable to the headgear, wherein the at least one rear support pad is positionable about the back of the infant's head.

10. (Original) The infant positioning system according to claim 9, wherein the rear support pad is toroidal.

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11-17. CANCELLED

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 17 further comprising~~  
An apparatus for controllably positioning and supporting a head of an infant while lying down,  
the apparatus comprising:

a headgear;

at least one support pad, the at least one support pad being removably attachable to the  
headgear, wherein the at least one support pad is positionable between the head of the infant and  
a surface, and

at least one rear support pad, the at least one rear support pad being removably attachable  
to the headgear, wherein the rear support pad is positionable about the back of the head of the  
infant.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the rear support pad is toroidal.

20-21. CANCELLED

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus according to Claim 17~~ An apparatus for  
controllably positioning and supporting a head of an infant while lying down, the apparatus  
comprising:

a headgear; and

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at least one support pad, the at least one support pad being removably attachable to the headgear, the at least one support pad being positionable between the head of the infant and a surface, wherein the at least one support pad is arranged to be stackable with at least one other support pad for aligning the infant's head and body.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein a one of the at least one rear support pads is tangentially positioned with respect to a one of the at least one support pads.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one rear support pad has an opening there through, the rear support pad being is positionable to locate the opening in the rear support pad about a flattened area on the infant's head.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the toroidal rear support pad is positionable to locate an opening in the toroidal rear support pad about a flattened area on the infant's head.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one rear support pad is arranged to be stackable with at least one other rear support pad for one of matching and exceeding the contour of the infant's head on a contra lateral side.

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27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 18, further comprising a rear pocket affixed to the headgear, the rear pocket being arranged to receive at least one rear support pad.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one support pad and the at least one rear support pad are comprised of a soft conforming material.

29. CANCELLED

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to Claim 29, further comprising:~~ A method of using a headgear to controllably position and support a head of an infant while lying down, the method comprising:

selecting at least one support pad, the at least one support pad being positionable between the head of the infant and a surface;

attaching the selected at least one support pad to the headgear;

selecting at least one rear support pad, the at least one rear support pad being positionable between the head of the infant and a surface; and

attaching the selected at least one rear support pad to the headgear, and

positioning the infant to place the support pad between the head of the infant and the surface.

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31. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to Claim 29, further comprising: A~~  
method of using a headgear to controllably position and support a head of an infant while lying  
down, the method comprising:

selecting at least one support pad, the at least one support pad being positionable between  
the head of the infant and a surface;

attaching the selected at least one support pad to the headgear;

positioning the infant to place the support pad between the head of the infant and the  
surface,

selecting a plurality of support pads; and

arranging the plurality of support pads as a stack to align the infant's head and body when  
the infant is lying down.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 30, further comprising:

selecting a plurality of rear support pads; and

arranging the plurality of rear support pads as a stack for one of matching and exceeding  
the contour of the infant's head on a contra lateral side.

33. CANCELLED

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 30, wherein attaching the  
selected at least one rear support pad to the headgear includes inserting the selected at least  
one rear support pad into a pocket on the rear of the headgear.

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35. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 30, wherein the at least one selected rear support pad has an opening there through, wherein the method further comprises positioning the opening in the rear support pad about a flattened area on the infant's head.